

South 2° 32' West 250.0 Ft. to a stake in the center of Main Street East (U.S. Highway No. 158); thence South 9° 40' East 750.0 Ft. to a stake; thence along a line parallel with, and 750.0 Ft. south of the center of Main Street East, South 80° 20' West 225.0 Ft. to a stake; thence continuing along a line parallel with, and 750.0 Ft. south of the center of Main Street East, South 83° 50' West 2,100.0 Ft. to the point of the BEGINNING and containing 526.0 Acres.

"ARTICLE III. MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

"Sec. 3.1. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor shall be elected by and from the qualified voters of the Town voting at large in the manner provided in Article IV. The Mayor shall be the official head of the Town government and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners. When there is an equal division upon any question, or in the appointment of officers, by the Board, the Mayor shall determine the matter by his vote, and shall vote in no other case. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are or may be conferred upon him by the general laws of North Carolina, by this Charter, and by the ordinances of the Town. The Board of Commissioners shall choose one of its number to act as Mayor Pro Tempore, and he shall perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence or disability. The Mayor Pro Tempore as such shall have no fixed term of office, but shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the remaining members of the Board.

"Sec. 3.2. Composition of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners shall consist of four (4) members to be elected by and from the qualified voters of the Town voting at large in the manner provided by Article IV.

"Sec. 3.3. Terms; Qualifications; Vacancies.

(a) Except for the initial terms of office hereinbefore specified, the Mayor and the members of the Board of Commissioners shall serve for terms of four (4) years, beginning the day and hour of the organizational meeting following their election, as established by ordinance in accordance with this Charter; provided, they shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.

(b) No person shall be eligible to be a candidate or be elected as Mayor or as a member of the Board of Commissioners, or to serve in such capacity, unless he is a resident and a qualified voter of the Town.

(c) If any elected Mayor or Commissioner shall refuse to qualify, or if there shall be any vacancy in the office of Mayor or Commissioner after election and qualification, the remaining members of the Board shall by majority vote appoint some qualified person to serve for the unexpired term. Any Mayor or Commissioner so appointed shall have the same authority and powers as if regularly elected.

"Sec. 3.4. Organization of Board; Oaths of Office. The Board of Commissioners shall meet and organize for the transaction of business at a time established by ordinance, following each biennial election and prior to July 1. Before entering upon their offices, the Mayor and each Commissioner shall take, subscribe, and have entered upon the minutes of the Board the oath of office provided for in Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution.

"Sec. 3.5. Meetings of Board.

(a) The Board of Commissioners shall fix suitable times for its regular meetings, which shall be as often as once monthly. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or a majority of the Commissioners, and those not joining in the call shall be notified in writing. Any business may be transacted at a special meeting that might be transacted at a regular meeting.